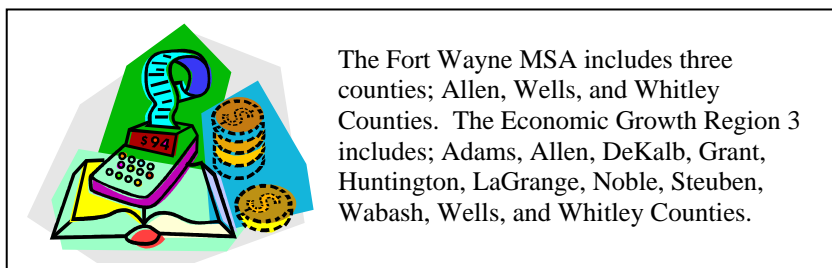


LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

Statistical Data Report for July 2006

Released September 2006



The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

July 2006 Labor Force Estimates State Release Date: 08/23/06 Monthly Unemployment Rate Percentages			
	07/06	06/06	07/05
U.S.	5.0	4.8	5.2
INDIANA	5.5	5.1	5.3
FORT WAYNE MSA	5.5	4.9	5.2
EGR 3	6.2	5.2	6.0
COUNTY:			
Adams	4.9	4.7	5.1
Allen	5.5	5.0	5.1
DeKalb	7.3	5.5	7.5
Grant	8.4	7.2	8.3
Huntington	6.0	4.9	5.9
LaGrange	7.1	4.8	5.9
Noble	7.9	5.6	7.3
Steuben	7.2	5.8	6.7
Wabash	6.3	5.7	7.1
Wells	5.5	4.1	6.1
Whitley	5.8	4.3	5.7
CITY:			
Angola	7.5	6.7	7.2
Auburn	7.7	5.8	7.2
Bluffton	6.4	5.0	6.8
Columbia City	6.6	5.0	6.7
Decatur	6.2	5.5	6.2
Fort Wayne	5.9	5.4	5.5
Huntington	6.6	5.4	6.9
Indianapolis(Cons)	5.5	5.3	5.3
Kendallville	8.4	6.5	9.7
Marion	9.5	8.6	9.6
Wabash City	6.3	6.1	9.8
OTHER MSA'S			
Indianapolis	4.8	4.6	4.6
Gary	5.7	5.9	5.5
Evansville	5.0	4.9	5.1

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – MARCH 2006	COUNTY
1	Howard (9.2%)
3	Grant
6	Noble
9	DeKalb
14	Steuben
16	LaGrange
30	Wabash
35	Huntington
38	Whitley
44	Allen
50	Wells
64	Adams
92	Hamilton (3.3%)

SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT July 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.8%
Kentucky	6.2%
Michigan	7.7%
Ohio	5.8%



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT

Regional and state unemployment rates were up slightly in July according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Forty one states recorded over the month unemployment rate increases, seven states registered rate decreases, and two states had not change. The Midwest again registered the highest unemployment rate among the regions. Mississippi again posed the highest unemployment rate (8.0%) in July. Alaska and Michigan had the next highest rates, 7.0% each. The states recording the lowest jobless rates were Louisiana, 2.9%, and Hawaii and Wyoming, 3.0% each. The low unemployment rate in Louisiana may reflect the continuing impact of Hurricane Katrina. Following the storm, some residents relocated out of the state, some may have found employment as part of the reconstruction, and some may have left the labor force. In July, 17 states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 11 states reported measurable higher rates, and 22 states had rates that were little different statistically from that of the nation.

The LAUS (local area unemployment statistics) program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates each month. Estimates will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year.



FORT WAYNE MSA

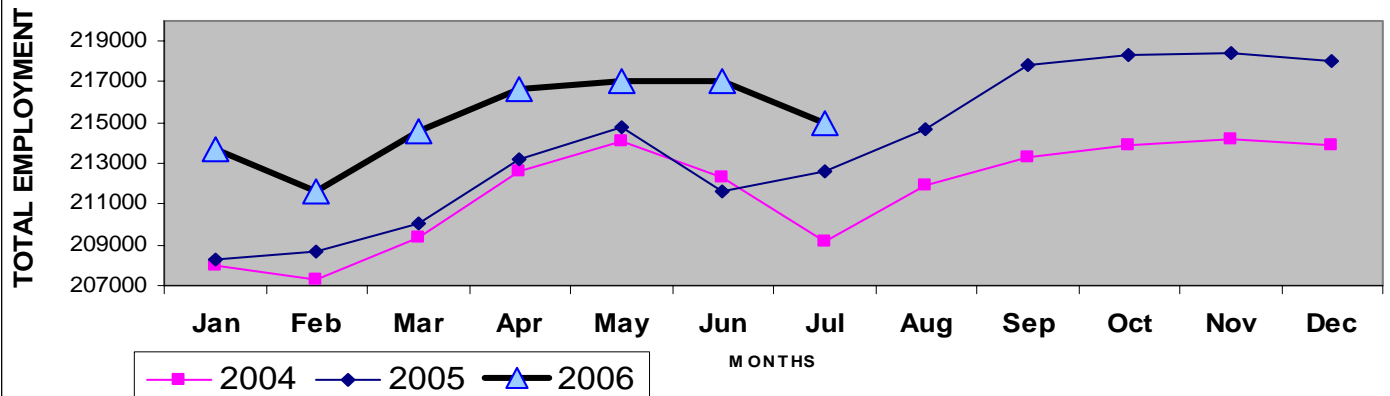
WAGE AND SALARIED

Fort Wayne MSA				CHANGE FROM			
	JULY 2006	JUNE 2006	JULY 2005	JUNE 2006 TO JULY 2006		JULY 2005 TO JULY 2006	
Total Nonfarm	215,000	217,000	212,600	-2,000	-0.9%	+2,400	+1.1%
Total Private	195,300	195,900	193,400	-600	-0.3%	+1,900	+1.0%
Goods Producing	49,200	49,700	48,800	-500	-1.0%	+400	+0.8%
Service-Providing	165,800	167,300	163,800	-1,500	-0.9%	+2,000	+1.2%
Private Srvs Provide	146,100	146,200	144,600	-100	-0.1%	+1,500	+1.0%
Nat. Res & Construcion	12,600	12,400	12,200	+200	+1.6%	+400	+3.3%
Manufacturing	36,600	37,300	36,600	-700	-1.9%	+0	+0.0%
Durable Goods	28,000	28,500	27,900	-500	-1.8%	+100	+0.4%
Computer and Electronic	4,300	4,200	4,100	+100	+2.4%	+200	+4.9%
Transportation Equipment	6,300	6,500	6,200	-200	-3.1%	+100	+1.6%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	46,900	46,900	46,600	+0	+0.0%	+300	+0.6%
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,100	12,900	+0	+0.0%	+200	+1.6%
Retail Trade	23,000	23,100	23,200	-100	-0.4%	-200	-0.9%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	10,800	10,700	10,500	+100	+0.9%	+300	+2.9%
Information	3,600	3,600	3,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	12,200	12,100	12,200	+100	+0.8%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	21,300	21,200	20,900	+100	+0.5%	+400	+1.9%
Educational and Health	33,400	33,400	32,600	+0	+0.0%	+800	+2.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	20,300	20,500	20,400	-200	-1.0%	-100	-0.5%
Food Services and Drinking	16,500	16,900	16,900	-400	-2.4%	-400	-2.4%
Other Services	8,400	8,500	8,300	-100	-1.2%	+100	+1.2%
Government	19,700	21,100	19,200	-1,400	-6.6%	+500	+2.6%
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,200	+0	+0.0%	+100	+4.5%
State Government	4,300	4,300	4,100	+0	+0.0%	+200	+4.9%
Local Government	13,100	14,500	12,900	-1,400	-9.7%	+200	+1.6%
Local Govt Education	6,100	7,500	6,100	-1,400	-18.7%	+0	+0.0%
NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING							
CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING							

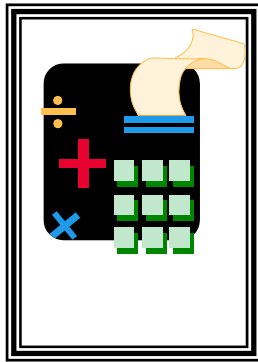
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NON-SUPERVISORY WORKERS BY INDUSTRY FT. WAYNE MSA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JULY 2006	JUNE 2006	JULY 2005	JULY 2006	JUNE 2006	JULY 2005	JULY 2006	JUNE 2006	JULY 2005
Manufacturing	\$749.70	\$771.06	\$761.34	42.5	43.1	42.7	\$17.64	\$17.89	\$17.83
Retail Trade	\$300.95	\$309.02	\$307.80	28.1	28.8	28.5	\$10.71	\$10.73	\$10.80

FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



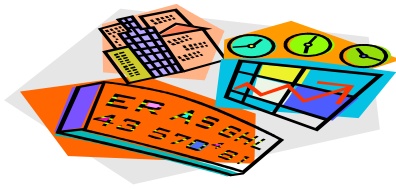
MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	July 2006	June 2006	Previous Month % Change	July 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	9,329	8,152	14.4%	7,728	20.7%
Auburn	14,099	7,425	89.9%	13,946	1.1%
Connersville	2,229	1,786	24.8%	2,195	1.5%
Fort Wayne	19,619	15,175	29.3%	17,725	10.7%
Marion	6,590	4,919	34.0%	6,454	2.1%
Muncie	11,175	8,066	38.5%	11,987	-6.8%
Richmond	3,462	3,004	15.2%	3,349	3.4%
INDIANA	287,208	223,274	28.6%	277,431	3.5%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date September 11, 2006



Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	7,843
Production Laborers	6,295
All Other Machine Operators	4,133
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	3,604
Hand Packers & Packagers	3,116
All Other Hand Workers	2,698
Cashiers, General	2,587
General Office Clerks	2,219
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	2,136
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	2,033
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,716
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,663
Production Helpers	1,567
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,564
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,467
Administrative Assistants	1,432
File Clerks	1,429
All Other Machine Setters & Set-up Operators	1,410
Order Fillers- Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,399
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,367

Economic Growth Region 3 Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

1st Qt 2006	Avg. Emp.	Avg. Wkly. Wages
Adams	14,140	\$554
Allen	177,490	\$697
Dekalb	20,450	\$739
Grant	25,460	\$591
Huntington	14,980	\$578
LaGrange	12,200	\$641
Noble	18,610	\$606
Steuben	14,270	\$540
Wabash	13,020	\$597
Wells	10,840	\$593
Whitley	11,680	\$593

Note: All establishments are included in these figures except railroads, small nonprofit institutions, churches and federal government civilian employees.



Indiana's Occupational Employment Outlook to 2014....

Indiana's employment is expected to grow by 302,600 jobs between 2004 and 2014, according to the latest projections from Indiana's Department of Workforce Development. This is a growth rate of 10 percent with employment increasing from 3,056,560 in 2004 to 3,359,170 by 2014. Another 742,160 job openings are anticipated to replace retirees and others departing from the workforce. Indiana's occupational projections include a display of occupations along with the most common educational attainment required and the median wages earned for each occupation. It is clear that most of the fastest growing occupations require greater education and are the highest paying jobs. All of the educational attainment groups requiring a degree have a median annual wage of more than \$42,000, and jobs are expected to grow at double-digit rates. All jobs that require no post-secondary education are expected to grow at a rate below 10 percent. More information and tables to illustrate are highlighted in the September edition of InContext <http://www.incontext.indiana.edu/2006/september/sept06.pdf> or from our Hoosiers by the Numbers website www.hoosierdata.in.gov under publications.

WAGE DEMAND

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid?

The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

How are the wages determined? Each week, we examine the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work they desire. An average wage demand is calculated for the selected geographic area. The median annual wage demand and the total number of applicants in the pool are also provided.

To hire an applicant looking for a job visit the CS3 website or call your Local Employment Services Office. The Employment Services staff will be happy to help you register your job openings.

WAGE DEMAND TABLE

Geography Economic Growth Region	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
EGR 1	\$25,391	\$20,800	18,193
EGR 2	\$27,105	\$20,800	14,613
EGR 3	\$23,189	\$20,800	21,216
EGR 4	\$22,120	\$20,800	14,891
EGR 5	\$30,103	\$21,840	29,898
EGR 6	\$21,437	\$18,720	11,717
EGR 7	\$23,927	\$18,720	4,691
EGR 8	\$20,318	\$16,640	8,975
EGR 9	\$24,224	\$19,760	6,087
EGR 10	\$26,388	\$20,800	6,362
EGR 11	\$22,491	\$18,720	12,162
Indiana	\$24,925	\$20,800	154,210

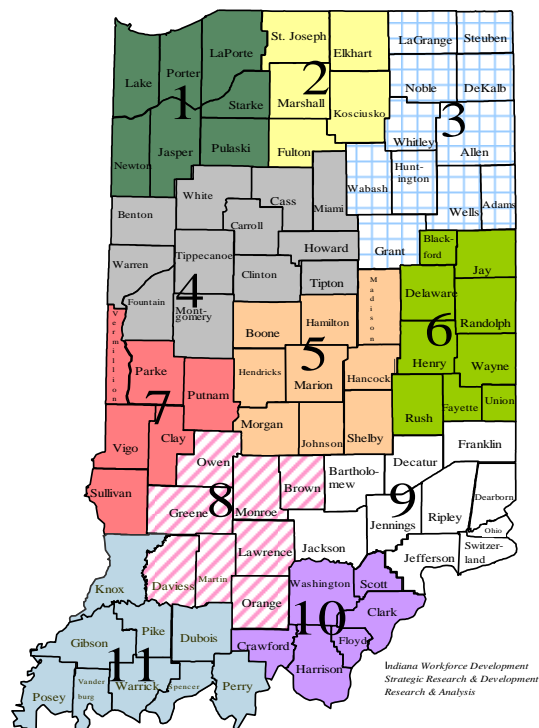
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1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3					

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3					

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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